THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The question whether such an advertisement attracts the provisions of law falls within the purview of the State Government and as per information received from them the matter is under their legal scrutiny.

Anti-Minority statements by Gujarat Chief Minister

1589. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken the issue seriously of anti-minority statements made by Gujarat Chief Minister during his Gaurav Yatra and denied to provide these tapes to the National Commission for Minorities;

(b) if so, whether Government had instructed the State Government to provide these tapes to the NCM;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) National Commission for Minorities had requested the Government of Gujarat to send the full text of speeches allegedly made against the minority community. However, as per information received from the Government of Gujarat, the reply has not yet been sent by them.

(b) to (d) The Commission had not sought the intervention of Government of India and therefore, there was no occasion for the Union Government to issue any instruction.

Ban on VHP and Bajrang Dal

†1590. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken for imposing a ban on unbecoming conduct and speeches made by the leaders of Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.